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SUBJECT: (S/NF) KUDOS FOR DJIBOUTI 000443: IRANIAN  
ANTI-PIRACY ACTIVITY IN THE GULF OF ADEN (C-NE9-01111)

REF: A. DJIBOUTI 000443  
[1](#)B. 3/AA/808155-09

Classified By: SUZANNE MCCORMICK, DIR., INR/OPS. REASON: 1.4(C).

[1](#)1. (S/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS GREATLY APPRECIATED DJIBOUTI 000443 FOR INFORMATION ON IRANIAN APPROACHES TO DJIBOUTI REGARDING SUPPORT TO ANTI-PIRACY OPERATIONS. ANALYSTS ARE INTERESTED IN FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE APPROACH TO DJIBOUTI, AND INFORMATION FROM POSTS IN OMAN AND YEMEN ON POSSIBLE SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM IRAN. ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WOULD HELP ANALYSTS DETERMINE THE SCOPE AND DURATION OF IRAN'S ANTI-PIRACY OPERATIONS AND HELP THEM IDENTIFY PROBLEMS IRAN'S OPERATIONS MIGHT ENCOUNTER. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO POLICYMAKERS BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR DECONFLICTION BETWEEN WESTERN AND IRANIAN ANTI-PIRACY OPERATIONS. ANALYSTS WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS INSIGHT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TIME AND RESOURCES PERMITTING, TO SUPPORT FINISHED INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION.

[1](#)A. (S/NF) HAS IRAN INFORMED YEMEN AND OMAN OF ITS INTENTION TO CONDUCT ANTI-PIRACY OPERATIONS, AS IT HAS DJIBOUTI?

[1](#)B. (S/NF) WHAT DETAIL'S DID IRAN PROVIDE ON THE OPERATIONS THEY PLAN TO CONDUCT?

[1](#)C. (S/NF) WHAT WAS YEMEN AND OMAN'S RESPONSE? ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON DJIBOUTI'S RESPONSE?

[1](#)D. (S/NF) WHAT, IF ANY, SUPPORT OR PERMISSIONS DID IRAN ASK FOR?

[1](#)E. (S/NF) WHAT, IF ANY, SUPPORT OR PERMISSIONS DID IRAN RECEIVE FROM YEMEN, OMAN, OR DJIBOUTI?

[1](#)2. (U) PLEASE CITE C-NE9-01111 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.  
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